

**Commonwealth of Virginia
State Board of Social Services**

**Department of Social Services
Central Regional Office
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229**

August 16, 2017

Attending: Dr. Danny Avula (Chair), Mr. Kent Willis (Vice Chair) Ms. Veronica Washington (Secretary), Ms. Lou Ali, Ms. Joan Brennan, Mr. William Boone, Mr. John Kines, Mr. Clyde Santana, Dr. Andrew Heck.

Absent: Ms. MaryAnn Boyd, Ms. Mona Malik

Also in Attendance: Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze (Commissioner), Ms. Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney General).

Meeting called to order at 10:03am – Dr. Avula acknowledged the two new Board members, Mr. Boone and Dr. Heck, and introductions were made.

Review of Agenda – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Recognition of Outgoing Member Darrell Jordan – Dr. Avula presented Mr. Jordan with an engraved Revere Bowl to recognize his four years of service to the Board.

Comments from the Commissioner – Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze
Commissioner Schultze provided updates on the following four major agency projects:

1. Permanency for Children in Foster Care
2. Safe & Quality Child Care in the Commonwealth
3. Child Support Modernization
4. Eligibility Modernization

The Commissioner notified the Board of two upcoming deviation requests from Fluvanna County and Carroll County. The requests for Board approval will be on the October 2017 agenda.

The Commissioner shared that Tom Steinhauser, Director of Benefit Programs, will retire in October.

Ms. Washington asked if there were updates on the impact of the child support kiosks. The Commissioner will ask Craig Burshem to provide updates for the October meeting.

AmeriCorps Opioid Grant – Fran Inge gave a presentation on the opioid crisis. Handouts were provided.

Requirements for Child Placing Agencies – Susan Reese gave a presentation on the requirements for Child Placing Agencies.

Child Care Provider Scholarship Program – Barbara Newlin gave a presentation on the Child Care Provider Scholarship Program.

COMMENT PERIOD

Comment from the Public

Jane Jones – Early Challenges Child Care Center

Ms. Jones noted her learning experiences and frustrations between the state and child care providers.

Andy Crawford – Director of Bedford Department of Social Services

Mr. Crawford provided updates and statistics on the effects of the heroin and opioid epidemic in Bedford County.

There were no comments from boards and directors of community action agencies.

Comments from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives – Cathy Pemberton, Chair

Ms. Pemberton explained to the Board and new members who the League is. She introduced Andy Crawford, First Vice President of the League, and Jack Ledden of Fauquier County. Ms. Pemberton also referenced the League’s workgroups.

Comments from the Virginia Community Action Partnership – Jim Schuyler, Director

Mr. Schuyler provided updates on the impact of supplemental TANF funding that has been received by the network in the current fiscal year, with the support of the Governor’s Administration and the General Assembly.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Ms. Clark provided the status update on 22VAC40-60 highlighted on page 1 of the Report; 22VAC40-185 highlighted on page 2; 22VAC40-201 and 22VAC40-325 both highlighted on page 3; 22VAC40-601 and 22VAC40-661 both highlighted on page 4; and 22VAC40-880 and 22VAC40-920 both highlighted on page 5.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve June 2017 meeting minutes

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.

2. 22VAC40-201, Permanency Services-Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption & Independent Living – NOIRA

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

3. 22VAC40-211, Foster and Adoptive Home Approval Standards – NOIRA

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Brennan), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.

4. 22VAC40-221, Additional Daily Supervision Rate Structure – NOIRA

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.

5. 22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services – NOIRA

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.

6. 22VAC40-690, Child Care Provider Scholarship Program – Periodic Review

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.

7. 22VAC40-910, General Provisions for Maintaining and Disclosing Confidential in Public Assistance, Child Support Enforcement and Social Services Records – Fast Track

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.

Because action items 8-14 are exempt from the Administrative Process Act, staff briefly addressed the exempt changes and the items were voted on as a block.

8. 22VAC40-294, Applications for Public Assistance – Exempt

9. 22VAC40-151, Standards for Licensed Children’s Residential Facilities – Exempt

10. 22VAC40-90, Regulation for Background Checks for Assisted Living Facilities & Adult Day Care Centers – Exempt

11. 22VAC40-120, Minimum Standards for Licensed Family Day Care Systems – Exempt

12. 22VAC40-131, Standards for Licensed Child Placing Agencies – Exempt

13. 22VAC40-160, Fee Requirements for Processing Applications – Exempt

14. 22VAC40-80, General Procedures & Information for Licensure – Exempt

Action Items 8 thru 14: *On Motion Duly Made*, (Ms. Brennan), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

15. 22VAC40-12, Public Participation Guidelines – Fast Track

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

16. Code of Ethics for Foster Homes and Children’s Residential Facilities – Updated Agreements

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Dr. Heck), motion approved with all in favor.

Board Member & Chair Comments

Dr. Avula asked members for suggestions for closing comments and suggestions for future meeting topics. Members provided reflective comments on the meeting in general. Mr. Boone thanked the Board for welcoming him and asked to learn more about permanency and how the agency can support the non-foster care families taking care of children. He would also like to learn more about the extent to which a parent’s lack of a clean drug test is a barrier to visitation with their children. The Commissioner will have Mr. Ayers provide more information on these topics

Meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.